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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-27 and 29-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF-08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow (US 5,157,240) in view of Chandler (US 2,799,764) or Isaacson et al (US 3,842,241), and Yamashita et al (US 5,034,200) or Fassell (US 3,811,900).

Chow shows a heating crucible having a main body container, a cover formed of an insulating material such as the nitride ceramic with a nozzle, one or more heating elements as a cover heater formed as a thin film via chemical vapor deposition on a top surface of the cover, facing away from a main body, wherein one heating element would form a single layer heater, a body heater for heating the main body, the cover heater having a wire pattern formed over the entire top surface of the cover with the positive and negative thermals, a thermocouple in the cover, a heat-resistant layer (25') on the cover heater, the main body also formed of an insulating material such as the nitride ceramic with a body heater as a thin film on the outer wall of the main body, a heat resistant layer (25) made of pyrolytic boron nitride on the body heater, the body heater having a single wire pattern with the positive and negative terminals, and a

thermocouple inside the main body. However, Chow does not show a heat reflective layer between the heater and the heat-resistant layer.

Chandler or Isaacson shows that it is well known in the art to provide a heating device having a heating element provided with a heat reflective layer to direct the heat toward the desired heating surface. In Chandler, it is shown that the heating element (72) is provided on a heating surface (76) with a heat reflecting layer (62) disposed between the heating element and a heat resistant/insulating layer (78). Isaacson also shows a heating surface (14) upon which a heating element (50) provided thereto with a heat reflective layer (56) disposed between the heating element and a heat resistant layer (40).

Yamashita and Fassell are provided to show that the layer (25) made of pyrolytic boron nitride in Chow is well known in the art to be heat-resistant.

In view of Chandler or Isaacson, and Yamashita or Fassell, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow with a reflective layer provided between the heat resistant layer and the heater to reflect the heat generated by the heater toward an intended heating direction.

With respect to claim 9, Chow shows the cover having a nozzle in the center of the cover with a cover heater provided around the nozzle. However, while, Chow does not show that the cove heater concentric pattern around the nozzle, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the cover heater in the concentric pattern or any other pattern to affectively provide uniform and stable heating across the cover.

With respect to the method by which the heating element or block is provided on the cover and how such is formed, it is noted that the pending claims are apparatus or product and such is defined by the product itself and not by the process it is produced.

3. Claims 3, 14 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 above, and further in view of Kano et al (US 6,242,719).

Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell shows the heating crucible claimed except the cover heater being platinum.

Kano shows a heating element such as platinum or graphite deposited or printed via the chemical vapor deposition on an insulating ceramic layer such as pyrolytic boron nitride or aluminum nitride. In view of Kano, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow, as modified by Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell, with the cover heater made of platinum as an alternative conductive material that can alternatively provide stable and uniform heating temperature, and with respect to claim 14, it would have been obvious to further provide insulating material made of aluminum nitride that alternatively provide a good electrical and thermally conductive material.

4. Claims 7, 8, 15, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 above, and further in view Kawase (US 5,656,077) or Tanabe et al (US 6,296,894).

Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell shows the heating crucible claimed except the cover or the main body is made of aluminum nitride or alumina.

Kawase or Tanabe shows a crucible that is made of pyrolytic boron nitride as well as aluminum nitride or alumina. Kawase further shows the crucible that is made of silicon carbide.

In view of Kawase or Tanabe, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow, as modified by Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell, with the cover and the main body made of aluminum nitride, alumina or silicon carbide in place of the pyrolytic boron nitride since such is well known in the art to alternatively provide a mechanically and thermally stable body that can withstand a temperature, pressure and chemical stress.

5. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 above, and further in view Okuda et al (US 4,804,823).

Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell shows the heating crucible claimed except the cover heater is made of conductive paste with metal particles and metal oxides.

Okuda show that it is known in the art to provide a conductive paste made with metal particles or metal oxides applied to a ceramic substrate to form a sintered electrical heater. In view of Okuda, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow, as modified by Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell,

with the cover heater made of conductive paste having the metal particles and metal oxides to form a heating element that can provide a mechanically and thermally stable heater that can also withstand a high temperature.

6. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 above, and further in view Takagi (US 4,217,855).

Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell shows the heating crucible claimed except on the entire outer bottom wall of the main body.

Takagi shows a heating crucible having a main body wherein the heating element is provided along the entire body including the bottom wall of the crucible (see Figure 8).

In view of Takagi, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow, as modified by Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell, with the crucible having the bottom wall with the heating element formed on the entire surface as an alternative form to efficiently and adequately heat the content of the crucible.

7. Claim 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-24 and 29-31 above, and further in view Chen et al (US 6,024,799) or Murakami et al (US 5,728,223).

Chow in view of Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell shows the heating crucible claimed except the nozzle having a convergent-divergent nozzle.

Chen and Murakami show that it is well known in the art to provide the gaseous outlet nozzle with a convergent-divergent nozzle that is flush with the gas outlet surface cover. In view of Chen or Murakami, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to adapt Chow, as modified by Chandler or Isaacson and Yamashita or Fassell, with the nozzle having a convergent-divergent nozzle to provide a more defined outlet gas flow for even distribution of the vapor deposition.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 28 is allowed is allowed over prior art of record.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sang Y. Paik whose telephone number is 571-272-4783. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu Hoang can be reached on 571-272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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